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For: POLARIZER, POLARIZING PLATE, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY USING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

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October 6, 2003

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

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The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication dated September 4, 2003, from Taiwanese Patent Office in a counterpart application. A copy of this communication (in Chinese) is also enclosed.

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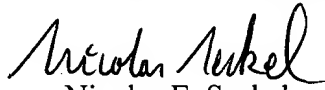
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